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TEXT:

[Text] A delegation of the Ho Chi Minh City National Assembly deputies led by Professor Ly Chanh Trung, acting head of the delegation, briefed some 300 voter representatives on the results of the Third Session of the Eighth National Assembly. The briefing took place at the City Friendship Center on the morning of 2 July.

Professor Ly Chanh Trung gave a brief report on the delegation's preparations for the Third National Assembly meeting as follows: The delegation had met with voters of all walks of life and received 19 petitions submitted by various organizations and voters to the National Assembly concerning their desires and aspirations related to the election of the chairman of the Council of Ministers and the socioeconomic situation. Professor Ly Chanh Trung gave a detailed report on the election of the chairman of the Council of Ministers (a report on this election had already been carried by TUOI TRE). Regarding the socioeconomic situation, the comrade said: "The paper NONG NGHIEP VIETNAM, issue No. 5, 15 November 1987, gave a very optimistic report saying that Thanh Hoa had reaped a bumper harvest and that in the past, people

had suffered from food shortages but they have now become self-sufficient in terms of grain and made positive contributions to the state. This is not true. According to statistics released by the Council of Ministers, about 10 million people faced hunger, four million people faced serious hunger, and 21 people died of starvation in various Northern provinces..."

Many voter representatives were shocked and became angry upon learning of this fact. They then took turns to bombard the delegation with questions. Uncle Doan Ngoc Tu, Ward No. 8, 1st Precinct, said: "Stern measures must be taken against leading cadres in charge of those localities because they have failed to cope with the situation." Uncle Nguyen Ba Nghe, member of the Liaison Committee for the Industrialists and Traders Association said: "The state should allow foreigners to make direct investment with civilians instead of permitting them to conduct business with our units and organizations only."

Most of the voters' questions were about the election of the chairman of the Council of Ministers. Some voters expressed their opinion as follows: "We need time to judge the correctness of the National Assembly's decision. Nevertheless, now that the National Assembly has made a choice, we must heighten the sense of responsibility and join hands in seeking solutions to our current very difficult economic, political, and social problems."

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